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**TRANSMITTAL LETTER**

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P.O. Box 1450  
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

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Transmitted herewith are the following:

1. Supplemental Information Disclosure Statement (2 pages);
2. Form 1449 listing 8 documents (1 page, in duplicate); and
3. Copy of each of the listed documents.

Please charge any additional fees which may be required, or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 16-2312. A duplicate copy of this Transmittal Letter is enclosed for that purpose.

Respectfully submitted,

Dated: 3/18/04

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Dear Sir:

Pursuant to Sections 1.56, 1.97, and 1.98 of Title 37 of the Code of Federal Regulations, the following information is set forth in compliance with Applicants' duty of disclosure, as well as the duty of others substantively involved in the preparation of the above-titled application.

The Applicants and others substantively involved in the preparation of the application are aware of the documents, cited on the enclosed PTO-1449 form and have enclosed copies of the listed documents.

The present statement reflects the direct knowledge of the undersigned and information disclosed to the undersigned by the Applicants and others substantively involved in the preparation of the present application pursuant to their duty under 37 C.F.R. § 1.56.

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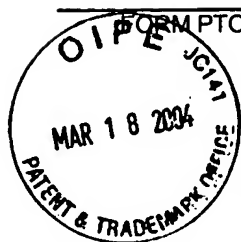
Pursuant to the Manual of Patent Examining Procedure, Chapter 609, Applicants request that the Examiner consider each of the listed documents and initial and return to the undersigned a copy of the enclosed PTO-1449 form (submitted in duplicate).

It is believed that no additional fees are due in connection with this submission. However if this is incorrect, please charge any additional fees to Deposit Account No. 16-2312.

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		International Search Report for Counterpart Canadian Application No. 2,194,671 (1 page).
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